



SHERWOOD'S

# Writing Speller

SYSTEMATIZING

Written Spelling in Schools.



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## Directions to Teachers.

**N**EATNESS is the first thing to be insisted on in the use of this book. Require it to be preserved free from blots, stains or scribbings of any kind.

SHERWOOD'S SPELLER AND PRONOUNCER, designed to accompany this book, contains a list of nearly two thousand words, carefully selected, and pronunciation and syllabication indicated, with all differences between Webster and Worcester accurately noted. But whatever Speller is used, the lesson should always be definitely assigned and studied before it is written.

The pages of this book are adapted to fifty words each, so that lessons may be assigned of 25, 50, 75 or 100 words each, as thought best.

THE SPELLING AND WRITING should be done at once, as the teacher gives out the words. He will pronounce each word distinctly and correctly, and *only once*, giving no undue prominence to any syllable or letter.

Let the scholar resume the writing position, and write each word in its order, with a *pen*. Require the writing to be well done, and the letters to be formed with care, so that in no case one be mistaken for another, as an *e* for an *i* in *sieve*; an *o* for an *a* in the termination *cian* &c. In this way the spelling may be made an exercise in penmanship, and may sometimes take the place of the regular writing lesson. The words should be usually syllabicated, as in the lesson, assigned from the Speller—the teacher indicating the authority to follow. It will also be well to require marks of accent placed upon the accented syllables.

CORRECTIONS.—After the lesson has been spelled, the teacher should spell it aloud before the class—syllabication it—but he need not pronounce the syllables or words.

As the teacher spells, the scholars look over their lessons carefully, each numbering the first word he has mis-spelled (1), the second (2), and so on, so that the number of the last one on any scholar's book, will show the number of words he has missed in the lesson. *All blanks, words or letters erased, written indistinctly, or written over, should be counted as errors in spelling.* He will mark a mis-syllabication with a dash opposite, and to the right, as in the sample lesson on next cover page. The teacher may count a certain number of errors in syllabication equal to one error in spelling. Thus, in sample lesson, (9) indicates the number of errors in spelling, (3—) the number in syllabication.

The exercise finished, gather up the books and look them over, or submit them to some competent person, previous to the next exercise, to see that all the errors have been noted. Omissions to mark errors, by a scholar, should be regarded as evidences of deception or carelessness, and promptly noticed. If a scholar fall below a given standard, let him spell the lesson again, and *again if need be*, until he has thoroughly mastered it. Mis-spelled words should always be re-written. The re-writing may be done on the black-board, or copied in reserved pages in the back of the *Writing Speller*.

A RECORD OF THE ERRORS should be kept by the teacher. At the close of each week or month, as desired, the summary of words mis-spelled by each scholar can readily be made, and the names of the entire class posted up in the school-room, in the order of their standing, for the time designated. Or the entries may be made in the Class Register, as for other exercises. The numbers here indicated for a lesson being multiples of 100, make it convenient for marking the standing.

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No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
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1	Looked	-	1	Inland	
2	Anxious		2	Millions	
3	Darkness		3	Eastern	
4	Naught		4	Banner	
5	Length		5	Himself	
6	Western		6	Floated	
7	Shroud		7	Raven	
8	Battle		8	Hovering	
9	Mingled		9	Beside	
10	Appears		10	Green	
11	Pennons		11	yellow	
12	Brightening		12	Difference	1
13	Smoke		13	Nations	
14	Center		14	Clouds	
15	Beautiful		15	darkness	
16	Saviour		16	Prostrate	
17	Matchless		17	Images	
18	Swelling		18	Ancient	
19	knowl		19	Dwellers	
20	Wreath		20	Lacrid	2
21	Laurel		21	Worship	
22	Round		22	Insense	3
23	Degr		23	Lacryse	4
24	Rocky		24	Linger	
25	Scalp		25	Shrines	



No. of Words.	No. of Errors.	No. of Words.	No. of Errors.
1		1	Unveiled
2	Breathed	2	Stripes
3	White	3	Conceal
4	These	4	Always
5	Servile	5	Faithful
6	Burning	6	Country
7	Amidst	7	Promote
8	Venerable	8	Glorious
9	Seems	9	Cause
10	Hallowed	10	Unfurled
11	Breath	11	Against
12	Other	12	Proofs
13	Times	13	Maintain
14	History	14	Indians
15	Nations	15	Stable
16	Mind	16	Another
17	Sentiments	17	Arguments
18	American	18	Calculated
19	Traveler	19	Produce
20	Entering	20	Conviction
21	Venerable	21	Appeal
22	Lofty	22	Directly
23	Fastness	23	Whither
24	Painted	24	Already
25	Windows	25	Planted



No. of  
Words.

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1 Traveling  
2 Became  
3 Acquainted  
4 State  
5 Enough  
6 Steamed  
7 Union  
8 Insignificant  
9 Journeys  
10 Snail  
11 Volery  
12 Railroads  
13 Though  
14 Earth  
15 Heavens  
16 Disappear  
17 Worlds  
18 Sought  
19 Shines  
20 Mantles  
21 Garnished  
22 Other  
23 Which  
24 A far  
25 Were

1 Before  
2 Assembly  
3 Decide  
4 question  
5 Empire  
6 Open  
7 Deliberations  
8 Survey  
9 Anxious  
10 bare worn  
11 countenances  
12 patriots  
13 Survive  
14 Perish  
15 Heart  
16 Indeed  
17 Beginning  
18 timed  
19 Independence  
20 Divinity  
21 Shapes  
22 Injustice  
23 Sink  
24 swim  
25 there



4 No. of Words.	2	No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
1	Solitude		1	Nourished	
2	Sought		2	Pampered	
3	Woven		3	Whatever	
4	Shades		4	Provoke	
5	Towering		5	Satisfy	
6	Rugged	1	6	Appetite	
7	Mountains		7	Unhealthy	
8	Background		8	Mountain	
9	Thither		9	Albowed	
10	Lonely		10	Remain	
11	Draft	2	11	Neglected	
12	Languished		12	Stinted	
13	Fever		13	Idler	
14	Midnight		14	Better	
15	Guarded		15	Waking	1
16	Dreaming		16	Leaves	
17	Tremble		17	Shaking	2
18	Conqueror		18	Enough	
19	Triumph		19	Perhaps	
20	Monarchs		20	Hunger proof	
21	Thoughts		21	Mowing	
22	Eden		22	Breeds	
23	Garden		23	Blowing	
24	Pressed		24	Graves	
25	Through		25	Better	



No. of  
Words.No. of  
Errors.No. of  
Words.No. of  
Errors.

1 Glorious.  
2 Almighty.  
3 Universal.  
4 Wondrous.  
5 Unshakable.  
6 Invisable.  
7 Holiest.  
8 Declare.  
9 Goodness.  
10 Beyond.  
11 Thought.  
12 Power.  
13 Tremendous.  
14 Conquered.  
15 Vegetable.  
16 Kingdom.  
17 Lungeal.  
18 Horror.  
19 extends.  
20 desolate.  
21 domain.  
22 Pictured.  
23 Ardent.  
24 Autumn.  
25 Concluding.

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1 Reply  
2 Crime  
3 Honorable  
4 Gentleman  
5 Charged  
6 Neither  
7 A Attempt  
8 Content  
9 Follies  
10 Continue  
11 Ignorant  
12 Experience  
13 Confess  
14 Example  
15 Grandeur.  
16 Cherished  
17 Principal  
18 Plymouth.  
19 Salutes  
20 Tones  
21 Mistake  
22 Catch  
23 Noble  
24 Cheer  
25 Gushing.

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6 No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
1	Connecticut		1	Sublime	
2	Possessed		2	Conception	
3	Unmixed		3	Remembrance	
4	Popular		4	Village	
5	Government		5	Meadow	
6	Honest		6	Reality	
7	Upright		7	Thunder	
8	Learning		8	Lightning	
9	Public		9	Nature	
10	Suffered		10	Mages by	
11	Valued		11	Tempest	
12	Genious	1	12	Forests	
13	Pleasure		13	America	
14	Pathless		14	Twilight	
15	Rapture		15	Hastening	
16	Society		16	Weary	
17	Intruders		17	Actives	
18	Muric		18	Beyond	
19	Nature		19	Atlantic	
20	Interviews	2	20	<del>Stretch</del> Stretched	
21	Mingle		21	Beneath	
22	Universe		22	Evening	
23	Express		23	Realms	
24	Conseal	3	24	Perished	
25	Lonely		25	Apear	



No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
1	German		1	Kingdom	
2	Pleasant		2	Honor	
3	Calendar	1	3	Soreful	
4	Windows		4	Return	
5	Blinds		5	Tight	
6	Through		6	Blades	
7	Revised		7	Gentleman	
8	Freshens		8	Should	
9	disturb		9	Mindless	
10	Lucien	2	10	Silvicious	1
11	Exhausted	3	11	Couldn't	
12	among		12	Gathering	
13	Consecration		13	Vegetables	
14	Noblest		14	Scamty	
15	Sense		15	Repaire	
16	<del>Peasants</del> Sacra	4	16	Cottage	
17	Sternal		17	Suddenly	
18	Remain		18	Eagerly	
19	Multitude		19	Sickness	
20	Distance		20	Harshly	
21	Reaches		21	Faltering	
22	Persuasive		22	Polled	
23	Realities		23	Chastly	
24	Though		24	Stranger	
25	Suburn		25	Cholera	



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No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
1	Frightful		1	Melan Choly	
2	Deserted		2	Latent	
3	dear		3	Autumn	
4	beattering		4	Shadows	
5	Peaceful		5	Morning	1
6	pepyrs	1	6	Evening	
7	Breathe		7	Almost	
8	Perfume		8	Mingle	
9	Ravens		9	Together	2
10	Vulture		10	Gloom	
11	Breazes	2	11	Decline	
12	violet		12	Wandered	
13	Thunders		13	Through	
14	Reverence		14	Season	
15	Ancient		15	Mournful	
16	Terror		16	Magnificence	
17	Scatters		17	Threshold	3
18	Almighty		18	Steeping	4
19	Trembling		19	Regions	5
20	Awful		20	Inticuty	4
21	Flashes		21	Loosing	7
22	Alarmed		22	Former	
23	Afraid		23	Sober	
24	Timid		24	Congenial	
25	Peace		25	Westminster abbey	



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1	Entrance	
2	Chapel	
3	astonished	
4	Calabate	
5	Cunning	
6	Robbed	
7	Weight	
8	<del>Density</del> Density	
9	Suspended	
10	Magic	
11	Wonderful	
12	Minuteness	
13	Security	
14	Generation	
15	journeyed	
16	Supposed	
17	Country	
18	Between	
19	Desert	
20	Explant	
21	Fertility	
22	General	
23	Appearance	1
24	Record	
25	historians	

1	Umbrella	
2	Christmas	
3	Certain	
4	Indeed	
5	Besides	
6	Nothing	
7	Against	
8	Windows	
9	Nonsense	
10	Impose	
11	Avoid	
12	Hearing	
13	Slightly	
14	Repeated	
15	Pyramids	
16	Wrecking	
17	Shorter	
18	A broad	
19	Mighty	
20	Comes	
21	Captain	1
22	Greenwood	
23	Breeze	
24	Pilot	
25	Observant	



No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.		No. of Errors.
1	Happily		1	Object	
2	Followed		2	Distance	
3	Motions		3	Monotony	
4	Singular		4	Surrounding	
5	Interest		5	Oppose	
6	Sharing		6	Attract	
7	Inclined		7	Aspiration	
8	Interviews		8	Completely	
9	Account		9	Respected	
10	Adversary		10	Homorship	1
11	Closer		11	Fastened	2
12	Ninety		12	Present	
13	Appears		13	Drifting	
14	Plain		14	Natural	
15	Verility		15	Prize	
16	Palms		16	Virginia	3
17	Domestic		17	Standing	
18	Gloams		18	Channel	4
19	Leisureance		19	Unknown	
20	Fairer		20	Architect	
21	Jeweller		21	Charm	
22	Seems		22	Everlasting	
23	Landscape		23	Butments	
24	Unrolled		24	Measureless	
25	Mighty		25	Plainly	



No. of Words.		No. of Errors.	No. of Words.	No. of Errors.
1	<i>A most</i>		1	
2	<i>Involved</i>		2	
3	<i>Perpendicular</i>		3	
4	<i>Limestone</i>		4	
5	<i>Keyrock</i>		5	
6	<i>Appears</i>		6	
7	<i>Rendered</i>		7	
8	<i>Impressive</i>		8	
9	<i>Matthewd</i>		9	
10	<i>Ambition</i>		10	
11	<i>but tails</i>		11	
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Sample Lesson of Twenty-Five Words,  
SYLLABICATED.

No. of Words.	9	3—	No. of Errors.
1	<i>Main tain ance</i>		1
2	<i>Re prieve</i>		
3	<i>Con dem ing</i>		2
4	<i>Piece</i>		
5	<i>Chol e ra</i>		—
6	<i>Mar tyr dom</i>		
7			3
8	<i>Sep a rate</i>		
9	<i>De ceiv ing</i>		
10	<i>Be liv ing</i>		4
11	<i>Su per cede</i>		5
12	<i>In ter cede</i>		
13	<i>Suc ceed</i>		
14	<i>Da guer re o type</i>		—
15	<i>Be seige</i>		6
16	<i>Par al el</i>		7
17	<i>Frus trum</i>		8
18	<i>Gi pher</i>		
19	<i>Ser vice a ble</i>		—
20	<i>Edg ing</i>		
21	<i>Ho ing</i>		9
22	<i>An te di lu vi an</i>		
23	<i>Ac knowl edg ment</i>		
24	<i>Sta tion er y</i>		
25	<i>Of fer vesce</i>		

Sample Lesson of Twenty-Five Words,  
NOT SYLLABICATED.

No. of Words.	8	No. of Errors.
1	<i>February</i>	
2	<i>Eccentric</i>	
3	<i>Misspelled</i>	1
4	<i>Amateur</i>	
5	<i>Satelite</i>	2
6	<i>Hyphen</i>	
7	<i>Apparatus</i>	
8	<i>Secession</i>	
9	<i>Treatise</i>	
10	<i>Sycophant</i>	
11	<i>Conceive</i>	3
12	<i>Gymnasium</i>	
13	<i>Necessary</i>	
14	<i>Hazzard</i>	4
15	<i>Discernment</i>	
16	<i>Lyceum</i>	
17	<i>Gov</i>	5
18	<i>Huckleberry</i>	
19	<i>Luncheon</i>	
20	<i>Transferred</i>	
21	<i>Interferred</i>	6
22	<i>Tranquility</i>	7
23	<i>Bouquet</i>	
24	<i>Pyrotechnics</i>	
25	<i>Curtious</i>	8



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